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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. H. C. McDougall died at Franklin, N.H., on January 3, in his seventy-first year. He had been for twenty-one years minister at Franklin and the honored leader of our cause in New Hampshire, President of the Trustees of Proctor Academy, Secretary of the Trustees of the Downing Fund, and Vice-President of the American Unitarian Association.

Rev. H. F. Burns has resigned at the First Parish, Dorchester, to accept a call to Baltimore, Md.

Rev. A. C. Weatherly has resigned at Dayton, Ohio, to accept a call to Roslindale, Mass.

Rev. E. H. Cotton has resigned at Danvers, Mass., to become Associate Editor of the *Christian Register*.

Rev. C. W. Casson has accepted a call to East Boston, Mass., and Rev. Charles Pease, a call to San José, Calif.

Central Council

The organization of the Central Council of Unitarian agencies is a real event in our denominational work. The Council is composed of the Executive Officers of all the denominational societies and organizations. The plan of action adopted by the Council sets forth the purposes, which are:

I. To provide a point of contact between our various denominational societies and agencies, through their recognized representatives, in order to facilitate understanding and sympathy among them.

II. To study such programs of co-operative tasks as may be submitted, and provide an opportunity as occasions arise when the several co-operating organizations may discuss their various functions and help one another in defining their separate spheres.

III. To serve as a clearing-house of information about the things that are being done, by its constituent bodies, through which information may be conveyed to each and to the public.

IV. To function in other forms of co-operative work for which there may be now no adequate provision.

The Council has already held two meetings and will obviously fulfil a useful function. Rev. Minot Simons acts as moderator and Rev. C. W. Reese as clerk.

Contributions

The Annual Report and the new Appeal of the Association have just been sent to all the ministers and churches, and they are asked to use every effort to maintain the contributions for the work of the Association, at least at the amount given last year.

There may be a misunderstanding which needs to be corrected. The generous response made by the churches for the Campaign may be thought to make unnecessary the annual contributions for the work of the Association. It is a splendid achievement that two and a half millions have been given for the work of the Laymen's League, for ministerial pensions, for a Sustentation Fund for ministers, for the endowment of The Alliance, for the upbuilding of the Meadville School, and other exceedingly important projects. By these means the entire life of our churches will be strengthened and upbuilt. A fair and just appropriation was made by the Campaign Committee for the church extension work of the Association, but it is the expectation of the donors that the money will be used to *extend* our activities and not to support the activities already undertaken. It is therefore obvious that unless our churches maintain their regular contributions much of the beneficent work of the Association must falter or stop.

The work of the Association has been projected on long lines. Some of its activities are very new, some have a history that runs back to the beginnings of our denominational life. Those lines must not be broken. We cannot permit enterprises or missions that have nearly reached efficiency and success to fail. We cannot abandon useful undertakings because of our interest in new adventures. The institutions built up through long years of labor and sacrifice must be maintained at full vigor. Work that has been steadily and effectively going on under the care of the Association needs and deserves financial support as much as it ever did.

The Association asks nothing for itself. It is just the channel for the transmission of the united power of our churches. A contributor does not give *to* the Association but *through* the Association.

It should be understood that the salaries of the officers, field secretaries, and ministers-at-large, with all the administrative expenses, are provided for from part of the income of the unrestricted endowment of the Association. The new resources transmitted to the Association by the Campaign Committee will take care of the new activities, but among the exceedingly important branches of the work that still depend upon the annual contribution of the churches may be mentioned the publishing of our books and tracts, the support of the churches at college and university centers, the work for new Americans, the Wayside Pulpit, the religious education of our children, and the improvement of our church schools.

Department of Church Extension

As a result of the appropriations made by the Campaign Committee, the Department of Church Extension has promptly started to carry out the plans which until now it has been necessary to postpone. The first work in the Campaign is work of revival. There are important centers where for one reason or another our church life and work are depressed. These churches are in various stages of suspended activity. In some places there is a church building and a small nucleus of people, and it seems unwise to attempt entirely new movements where we have so much to start with in places already occupied. It is first planned to regain our position and influence in such places as Duluth, Salt Lake City, Charleston, W. Va., Topeka, Passaic, and Sacramento. As soon as practicable we shall organize new groups in places which appear most promising. Many helpful letters and suggestions have reached us in answer to a recent letter in the *Register,* giving information about the cities mentioned and about others which we had already considered but had not thought immediately promising. We shall be grateful for any further information at any time about situations which seem favorable for our development.

Department of Religious Education

The Secretaries of this Department planned and held in January two Institutes with our New Jersey churches. One of these was held in Passaic, and included workers from the churches at Rutherford, Hackensack, Paterson, and Ridgewood. The second was held at Orange, the churches at Montclair, Plainfield, Summit, and Elizabeth being invited to co-operate. Gratifying interest was shown by the ministers, superintendents, teachers, parents, and other workers in these churches. Classes, in which the Secretaries dealt with problems of organization, worship, and teaching in the various grades, were held in each center in the afternoons and evenings of three days.

The Associate Secretary spoke at a meeting of parents and teachers of the First Parish, Cambridge, on January 7, with forty present. The address was followed by discussion in which many took part, and Dr. Crothers added his contribution on the use of the Bible in the home. Miss Buck is also engaged in making a survey of the excellent school of the First Parish which will occupy several Sundays. The record of the methods and achievements of this school will be useful to other schools seeking to improve their curriculum and procedure.

The Secretary has visited and spoken to our schools in Wilton and Milford, N.H., addressing the congregation at Wilton. He preached in Roslindale on January 2, speaking also to the school and teaching a class.

Miss Mary N. Phillips, Field Worker for this Department and The Alliance, gave the month of December to assembling and organizing a school in our church at Sharon, Mass. In four weeks she secured a superintendent and all other officers, gathered a school of twenty-one pupils, which has added new members in January, started five classes with teachers, secured two substitute teachers, and developed a service of worship which is much liked and will be followed by the new officers. This reveals how much may be done in a short time by a trained and experienced worker. Miss Phillips will spend a week with our school in Baltimore, then go to Richmond for six weeks' service there and at Highland Springs. The Department expects to have a second worker in the Southern field in February.

The Religious Education Association will hold its eighteenth annual convention in Rochester, N.Y., March 10–14. The general theme is "World Fellowship." The Council will discuss, on March 10 and 11, the reconstruction of methods in the religious education of children. These are vital topics for all who care for human development and training. It is hoped that many ministers, directors of religious education, superintendents, and teachers will attend this convention. Full information and advance copies of the program may be secured from the Religious Education Association, 1440 East Fifty-seventh Street, Chicago, Ill.

Articles representing some distinctive lines of work in religious education in our church schools are appearing from time to time in the *Christian Register*. These articles, which have been prepared by the Associate Secretary, will be collected in leaflets, each of which will contain three or four articles. It is expected that the first of these will be ready in February and copies will be sent to any who apply to this Department. Any of our schools doing new and unusual work should bring that fact to the notice of the Secretaries, in order that an account of it may be prepared for the benefit of other schools.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

The Beacon Press has recently compiled a list of books for children from the shelves of all publishers. Only these that have some distinct moral value and which are attractively and engrossingly written have been included. Some of these are the "chil-

dren's classics," while others are of the same standard of excellence but of too recent date to entitle them to inclusion in this group. While most of these books can be procured from the large public libraries, they are so good that we believe the children should personally own them, for they will read them over and over again. The following suggestions are taken from the complete list, which will be sent upon request.

BLACK BEAUTY, by Anna Sewell. The famous story of a beautiful horse.
$1.50; by mail, $1.65

LITTLE LAME PRINCE, ADVENTURES OF A BROWNIE, POOR PRIN, by Dinah Maria Craik. Three favorites of children.
$1.50; by mail $1.65

OLD, OLD STORY BOOK, by Eva March Tappan. Old Testament stories for children, in language of the Bible; with omissions of parts not necessary to story.
$2.50; by mail $2.65

MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY, by Edward Everett Hale. The world-famous classic.
$0.52; by mail $0.67

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF THE PILGRIMS, by William Elliot Griffis. Prominence has been given to the Pilgrim boys and girls.
$3.00; by mail $3.15

ROOSEVELT'S LETTERS TO HIS CHILDREN, by Theodore Roosevelt. Frank, understanding letters of good-comradeship.
$2.50; by mail $2.65

THE HONORABLE PETER STIRLING, by Paul Leicester Ford. The gripping account of the political rise of a young lawyer who was unscathed by the intrigue and cupidity of his opponents. $1.75; by mail $1.90

COLLEGE AND THE MAN, by David Starr Jordan. A brief exposition of the value of college-training, with sound counsel for those who must be content with self-education.
$1.00; by mail $1.15

NEW BOOKS TO OWN

MAIN STREET, by Sinclair Lewis. A study of small-town life that finds parallel in every growing city in America.
$2.00; by mail $2.15

ADVENTURES AND ENTHUSIASMS, by E. V. Lucas. Familiar essays, written in moods of genial literary companionship.
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WHEN I consider what some books have done for the world, and what they are doing, how they keep up our hope, awaken new courage and faith, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose homes are cold and hard, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truth from heaven,—I give eternal blessings for this gift, and pray that we may all use it aright and abuse it never.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

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The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Save the Unitarian Children in Hungary

We who have never known cold and want and hunger and exile and persecution and the horrors of war at our doors can but dimly see what these conditions mean for the children. While we give of our abundance to all who are so suffering, we hear the call especially of those Unitarians who have been exiled from their homes in Transylvania, and whose plight is most miserable. Among the seven thousand of these refugees encamped around Budapest, there being no room for them in the city, there are numerous Unitarians, for many Transylvanian towns are largely Unitarian. These exiles are living in the wagons and trucks in which they made the long journey across the country, and some of the children have had no other home than these cold, comfortless wagons for eighteen months. The winters there are as cold as here, so the physical suffering of these half-clad, underfed children should not be allowed another winter while we, their brethren, are living in comfort.

The British League of Unitarian Women is undertaking to relieve this dire condition of the Unitarian children, and asks the co-operation of The Alliance. Shall we, who have suffered so much less than the British during the war, let them shoulder the whole burden? One of their own ministers, Rev. Frederick Hankinson of London, is on the spot, and can administer the relief most wisely. He is admirably fitted for this work, being alert, sympathetic, and attractive to young people. Mr. Hankinson has been working for children in Budapest for six months under the English Friends' Relief Mission, and has just returned for another six months of service. For some years he has been in close touch with the Unitarians in Hungary, and with those from there who were completing their theological training at Manchester College, Oxford; he even gave his bond to the British Government for the safe-keeping, at his own home, of one of these students, interned in England during the war. Mr. Hankinson is a welcome messenger to our friends in Hungary, and is getting The Alliance of the Budapest Church to work in every possible way for these needy children, "not only to help the children," he says, "but to get rid of the dreadful apathy which seems to have settled down on so many, owing to their sufferings." At the Christmas festival the Budapest Alliance was to make some little gifts, while the British League would give "bread and cocoa and possibly something more." Their Alliance will report any children who are tuberculous or especially delicate, and all the children can be placed in homes or proper institutions when there is money to save them from their present cheerless existence. Now the finer side of their lives is being blunted, and moral standards lowered, especially as many of the children have no parents to watch over them. Mr. Hankinson writes home: "The one essential is money. Would that our English and American Unitarians might send out a sum of money that could be expended on this humanitarian work."

The fund collected last year and administered by the Relief Unit, under Mr. Snow, is nearly used; the small remnant will be needed for the ministers this winter. And Mr. Hoover's fund is for food rather than homes. It seems peculiarly fitting that the women of The Alliance should respond to this call of the children, and send as large a sum as possible to show our sympathy

for these suffering little ones. If every Unitarian woman would send a dollar, more or less, according to her income, which would not mean great sacrifice for most of us, we could save the lives of many who should form the future Unitarian Church in Hungary. Can we not give up something to do this?

I should be more than glad to forward any sums sent by individuals or Alliance branches for this appeal, which is authorized by The Alliance. The sooner the money is sent, the less the children will suffer.

MARTHA EVERETT ST. JOHN,
The Ranelegh, Beacon and Mountfort Sts., Boston.

Executive Board

Once each year the Board holds a meeting out of Boston. On Friday, January 14, the regular meeting was held in Schenectady, N.Y., in the attractive parish house of the Unitarian church. There were present: Miss Lowell, Mmes. Voigt, Loyson, Davis, Atherton, Henry, Sawyer, Beebe, Bonny, Griffin, Nichols, May, Southworth, Glogau, Nash, and members of the Albany, Barneveld, Schenectady, and Troy branches.

Mrs. Davis reported the plan of the Syracuse, N.Y., branch to promote acquaintance by group meetings of members living in the same neighborhood. She spoke of the recent meeting of the New York League at Yonkers where there was a helpful discussion of Sunday-school interests.

Miss Lowell conducted the devotional service, which has now a recognized place on the program. She expressed pleasure in coming to Schenectady for Middle States and Canada Day, and called attention to the presence of the several vice-presidents and directors assembled. Miss Lowell told of the formation of a Central Council of Unitarian societies and agencies to serve as a clearing house of information and to secure effective co-operation, and it was voted that the President and the Recording Secretary shall be the representatives of The Alliance on this Central Council.

The President officially approved the appeal for the needy Unitarian children of Hungary which has been issued by the International Committee in co-operation with the British League. Greetings from Mrs. Blake Odgers were read expressing appreciation of the good-will and friendship of Alliance women.

The Treasurer's statement was joyfully heard, with its announcement that of the allotment of $75,000, for endowment, from the Campaign Committee on Apportionment, $18,150 of the amount has been already received. It was voted to send a letter of thanks to the Campaign Committee for its generous response to the request of The Alliance. By rising vote the Board put on record its deep appreciation of the successful efforts of Miss Bancroft and Miss Lowell in behalf of the Campaign.

Two new life members are Mrs. Susan Lilian Crosby of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Mrs. John V. Thorpe of Fall River, Mass.

In memoriam have been placed the following names: Mrs. Helen B. Chapman by the Needham Branch; Mrs. Emily Caroline Mitchell, Boston, Mrs. Hannah Howland Swift, Miss Rebecca Dillingham Swift, Miss Annie Perry Allen, of New Bedford, by Arlington Street Branch, Boston; Miss Helen Mackintosh, Cambridge, by Miss Alice M. Brooks.

On hearing that a new edition of the catalogue of the Circulating Library has been published and is presented to The Alliance and the Association by the chairman of the Library Committee, the Board passed a vote of sincere thanks to Miss Bancroft for her generous gift.

The International Committee was authorized to assist Madame Loyson to form an Alliance of liberal Christian women in France and to sustain the movement morally and financially for one year.

The Southern Circuit report told of

continued good work in North Carolina, Mr. Cowan holding services with attendance ranging from 37 to 100. Miss Elizabeth Marquand and Miss Thalia Marion in the Swansboro Circuit conduct services at Swansboro, Bear Creek, and White Oak, and find the interest taken in the Sunday-schools most encouraging. One dozen good-print Bibles have been sent down for one of these schools. Christmas trees at Swansboro and White Oak bore gifts for all who were present, thanks to friends in the North. At Shelter Neck a Christmas pageant was greatly appreciated.

Two new branches are cordially welcomed,—Toms River, N.J., and the Westchester Branch, N.Y. (Officers are listed in another column.)

Reports from Middle States branches and those in Canada, East and West, sounded a markedly hopeful note.

After a delicious luncheon served by the Schenectady ladies, Board members and Alliance friends from the district gathered in the church auditorium for the public conference. The Alliance opening service conducted by Miss Lowell was followed by a greeting from Rev. Mr. Caldecott. Mrs. J. G. Henry of Winchendon, Mass., presented the work of Junior Fellowship, Mrs. J. Burnet Nash of New York that of the Post Office Mission; Mrs. W. L. Voigt through a bit of personal experience made a telling plea for international acquaintance and good-will; Miss Mary C. Sawyer of Wellesley Hills, Mass., showed what the Fellowship committee may accomplish with the help of the branches. Friendly Links, Carolina Schools, Sunday-school Worker, the Tuckerman School, evening committees for business and professional women, were also considered.

A vote of thanks to the Schenectady Branch for its much-appreciated hospitality was graciously answered by its president, Mrs. Warren B. Stone, who declared it a privilege to have entertained the Board and other guests.

The next meeting will take place in Boston, February 11, when reports are due from the Pacific Coast and six Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

A Word from the Treasurer

This is the time when most of our branches are in the height of their activity for the year. Fairs, sales, entertainments, and other money-raising projects are in full swing. The pleasure in working to fill our coffers is only exceeded by the joy in emptying them again, that we may see the result of our work and know that it is good. In answering the calls which come to every Alliance branch, let us all remember that we are primarily a denominational organization pledged to the service of our church and for the upbuilding of our faith. Doubtless in many places the needs of the home church must be first considered, yet it is as true of churches as of individuals that no one lives to himself alone, and every Alliance or church which lends a helping hand to others thereby helps itself.

The "Appeals" printed each month in WORD AND WORK have been most carefully considered by the Executive Board and need the cordial support of every working Alliance. No branch can be fully in touch with the Alliance spirit until it has set aside at least a fraction of its income for furthering the work which we are all doing *together.*

The splendid achievement of last year when our 393 branches reached the high-water mark by raising over $223,000 will doubtless be exceeded this year under the inspiration of the Unitarian Campaign, which has enlarged our hearts and strengthened our endeavor. We also look confidently to an increased membership this year. Let no branch officer rest content until every woman connected with her parish is a member of her Alliance.

A Special Word to Treasurers

Please note the following points:

1. The financial year of The Alliance ends on April 30. All branch dues and all other money to be included in this year's report must be sent before that date to the Treasurer at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. If any member has not paid her branch dues this year she should be made aware of the fact that her treasurer is waiting to hear from her before sending the one-third dues to the general treasury.

2. In sending the annual dues state the number of members, and if some pay only a local fee give the number and name the amount of the fee. Both classes must be counted in making up the amount due. For example: Assuming a branch to have a membership of 30, of which 17 pay a local fee of 50 cents, while the remaining 13 pay the full fee of $1, the dues are reckoned as follows:

13 members at $1.00 equals....	$13.00
17 members at .50 equals....	8.50
30 members pay a total of....	$21.50

One-third of $21.50 is $7.17, which is the amount due the general treasury. No one should be counted a member of a branch until her dues are paid. Honorary members bear such titles in the branch only, and for such one-third of the regular dues should be paid. Life membership in the general body does not constitute a woman a member of a branch. Each branch must reckon at least three members as dollar members. All delegates to business meetings must be regular members paying the dollar fee to the branches which they represent.

3. Send all money for furthering the general work of The Alliance directly to the Treasurer. This includes not only the one-third membership fees, life memberships, and gifts *in memoriam*, but all contributions made for Southern Circuit and in response to the Appeals in Word and Work. Do not send to the Alliance Treasurer money intended for the American Unitarian Association, Ministers' Service Pension, Temperance, or other affiliated societies. Addresses of treasurers of other Unitarian societies can be found in the Manual.

4. Make all checks payable to the Treasurer and send to her at 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Also please give full address to which receipt may be sent.

Lucia Clapp Noyes,
Treasurer.

Junior Fellowship Committee

Dear Juniors:

The verse Mrs. Donnell quoted to you in October brings to us a vision of many golden threads which the Juniors have woven into the following deeds of love: boxes of baby clothes, dozens of children's garments, scrapbooks, toys, and food for the children and orphans of France, Belgium, and Italy; at home, visits to the poor and sick, frequent co-operation with the Red Cross and other organizations.

Of course the golden threads are ever present and just now take the form of more clothing for the French children. Madame Loyson asks particularly for petticoats. The Junior Fellowship Committee thinks a goodly box might be sent, should each Junior Alliance feel able to take part in the filling of it.

May your Committee hope for this co-operation? Miss Gill will gladly give information on the subject.

Yours affectionately,

Jessie Voigt.

It is good to hear that Tyngsboro, Mass., has a Junior Alliance. Officers: *Pres.*, Miss Claire Bell; *Vice-Pres.*, Miss Mildred Holt; *Sec.*, Miss Susan Danforth; *Treas.*, Miss Hazel Whitaker.

The Middleboro Junior Alliance has disbanded because its members have grown up. We hope they will all join the Middleboro Branch, and that some day a new Junior Alliance of younger girls will be formed.

From the Middle States Vice-President

Madame President and Members of the Board:

In presenting her eighth annual report your Vice-President takes pleasure in noting the progress made in the Middle States during the period between the years 1913 and 1921.

In 1913 and 1914 there were 48 branches, 2,759 Alliance members, $27,025 raised.

In 1920 and 1921 the Manual records 53 branches, 2,915 Alliance members, $36,396.63 raised, indicating a gain of 156 in membership and of $9,371.63 in money raised.

During the same period three branches were discontinued, viz.: Jersey City, New Castle, Pa., and Spring Garden, Philadelphia, while five new ones were organized in the following places: Fredonia, N.Y., Paterson and Trenton, N.J., Northumberland, Pa., and Charleston, W. Va. To these may be added those recently started at Toms River, N.J., and the Westchester Branch, N.Y., making a total of seven new branches in eight years.

The expenditure of money has been varied, the greater amounts, however, almost invariably going to the home churches.

The response to Alliance Appeals and to the needs of its standing committees is steadily increasing.

Last year the branches of the First Church, Brooklyn, Unity Church, Brooklyn, Messiah Branch, New York, Meadville, Pa., First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., had donations recorded under each heading in the disbursement section of the Manual.

In 1913 only one branch in the United States and Canada (that of the Second Parish, Brookline, Mass.) responded completely to the Appeals and needs of The Alliance.

The co-operation with the new committee on Fellowship and Friendly Links is encouraging.

The branches at Ridgewood, N.J., West Side Unitarian Church, New York, Albany, Elizabeth, Passaic, Philadelphia, and Baltimore have already shown interest in the Fellowship work and in some cases have formed local committees.

The Committee on Friendly Links has heard from Ithaca, N.Y., West Side Unitarian Church, New York, Passaic, Trenton, Baltimore, Erie, Meadville, and the New York League.

Nine members in the above branches have already been "linked."

All Souls, New York, the West Side Unitarian Church, New York, First Church, Brooklyn, and Yonkers are the Middle States branches with local International committees.

It is difficult to estimate how much of this increased interest in the national work is due to the efforts of the splendid officers and directors of The Alliance.

Frequent visits of the national officers and directors to the various sections are of untold value—while attendance at the May Meetings has quickly converted many purely local members to enthusiasts in the national work.

These are but a few signs of excellence which your Vice-President has noted during the past eight years, five of which were marked by the world's most savage war.

Many Alliance women worked with hand and heart to relieve the physical and spiritual sufferings which the war entailed, and yet membership increased, the number of branches increased, resources increased, and most of the Alliance activities "carried on."

With these facts before us, must we not sing with the psalmist:

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise him all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Praise ye the Lord!"

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Voigt.

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Leominster, Mass., Evening Committee, Chairman, Miss Helen Greenwood.

Post Office Mission

The Special Sermon for Eastertime will be ready by March 1. Copies will be sent to San Francisco at that time. Post Office Mission workers on the Pacific Coast will save time by sending their requests for these sermons to Miss Peek.

Will those who did not use all their copies of the Christmas sermon by Dr. Lord kindly return the balance to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston?

Branches are urged to consider the question of recruiting our ministry. Among the speakers who are ready to address meetings are: Rev. B. R. Bulkeley, The Weldon, Greenfield, Mass.; Rev. Abbot Peterson, 353 Walnut St., Brookline, Mass.; Rev. Harry Lutz, 91 Park St., Newton, Mass.; Rev. W. S. Swisher, 302 Washington St., Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Prof. Clayton R. Bowen, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. W. B. Nichols, chairman, asks of Alliance branches and friends articles for a sale for the benefit of the Isles of Shoals, for extra furnishings for the hotel which will make for the comfort and happiness of the guests. Articles may be sent at once to Mrs. W. B. Nichols, 25 Fairmount Way, Quincy, Mass. Mrs. Nichols will be glad to take orders for aprons.

Many requests are received for the story of the several churches. Will you who have such papers or pamphlets or books, prepared perhaps for some anniversary occasion, kindly send to the Circulating Library, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.?

The Alliance at Hobart, Ind. through its treasurer, Mrs. George Bruce, wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the many branches which contributed to its recent sale. The fellowship and the substantial help are greatly appreciated.

The next meeting of the New York League will take place Friday, February 4, at 11 A.M., at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn. Dr. Robert R. Moton of Tuskegee will speak on "The Race Problem at Home."

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Monday, February 7, at 10.30 A.M. Mr. William T. Reid, Jr., will talk on "The Opportunities of the Women of To-day." Every one welcome.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$178
Meadville	58
Pacific School	98
Tuckerman School	30
Sunday-school Worker	514
Nashville	542
Carolina Industrial School	1,418
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	683
General Alliance work	1,274
Italian Mission, Mme. Giulio Benso	188

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FORWARD

For twenty-five years the Young People's Religious Union has realized that its dominant purpose is to take its part in building the Unitarian Church of the future and in so doing to band together our young men and women in the knowledge of the truth and in the spirit of devotion, for the service of the world. This year the Union enthusiastically made plans to send forth this message of *Truth, Worship,* and *Service* firm in the belief that the modest amount asked for would receive the hearty endorsement of the Apportionment Committee.

The problems of finance in the past have forced us to gain each goal only by the united effort of our young people and the individual aid of our older friends. Though keenly anxious to complete our Endowment Fund we have postponed our appeals in favor of other Unitarian funds and the Great War. For the celebration of this our twenty-fifth year we had high hopes in the success of the Campaign for the means to organize an office and field force to adequately do our part in the Forward Movement.

Definite steps were taken in this direction last June when our board voted to secure a full-time field worker for the Pacific Coast. One month later, after consultation with Rev. H. E. B. Speight of Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Charles H. Thompson was immediately put into the field. Mrs. Thompson recently reported that her work is pioneer work, that the ground is still unharrowed, but that it is essential, and if there are to be Unitarian churches fifty years from now, that work must be "carried on." Our Field Secretary who has just returned from the Middle West comes back with definite requests from over twenty Unitarian churches that a field worker for young people be sent to the Middle West. Most important of all, perhaps, are the urgent appeals for work which have come from our large universities throughout the country.

Must these calls go unanswered!

It would seem upon first consideration, because of the small apportionment received from the Campaign, that such calls must go unanswered, but we hear a cry from the young people of our churches, "Forward be our watchword," and because the youth of this great country of ours has always responded to the high call, the Young People's Religious Union will again go forth, strong in the knowledge that it can and will show the denomination that it has the vision and the power to strengthen and deepen the allegiance of the young people of the Unitarian Church, feeling sure that in our financial appeals which must necessarily still continue we shall receive the earnest co-operation of all who believe in our Church of the Future.

News Notes

Pacific Coast—January 6. Our Field Worker, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, met a fine group of young people at Eugene, Ore. After telling them about the work of other Young People's Societies and what opportunities lay before them, the entire group unanimously voted to organize, officers were chosen, and they are now busy planning a definite program. She has also preached in the following places: Sacramento, Woodland, Eugene, and Victoria.

Boston, Mass.—Less than a year ago the Emerson Guild, namely the young people's union of the Second Church of Boston, started their work with a membership of four and to-day have a paid membership of fifty with an average attendance of forty at their Sunday night meetings. On Young People's Sunday they took the whole of the service with the exception of the sermon, and, best of all, sixteen of their members joined the church on that day.

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The Rally of the Church to the Children

Unitarians of Greater Boston are called to the first great rally of the Church to Child Welfare. The Unitarian Temperance Society is to conduct a Mass Meeting in Unity House, 7 Park Square, Boston, Sunday evening, February 6, at 7.45. This meeting is a forerunner of the Child Welfare Exhibit to be held in Mechanics Hall, Boston, during the following week, under direction of the Boston Federation of Women's Clubs.

Prof. William T. Sedgwick, of the United States Health Service, and Dr. William C. Woodward will discuss the relation of the Church to problems of Health Control.

Mrs. Stella R. Root will speak of the work of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women and Mr. Parker B. Field of the Children's Mission to Children. Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge will outline the program of the Temperance Society, and state briefly some ways in which Prohibition is a benefit to children.

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, President of the Society, will preside.

Seats are reserved for ticket-holders until 7.30. For tickets address the Unitarian Temperance Society, 16 Beacon Street, or your minister. The meeting is open to the general public.

Temperance Sunday
February 6

The special subject for Temperance Sunday this year is "Child Welfare." For material to be used in church schools, see the *Christian Register* for December 30, 1920, page 1278; the *Beacon* for January 23, 30, and February 6, 1921. Free copies of the service, "The Clean Strong Life," prepared by the Department of Religious Education, may be had by addressing the UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

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